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## DEATH OF H. P. GIBBS

H. P. Gibbs, first settler within the area comprising Claremont Township, passed away at an Aberdeen hospital on Wednesday of last week, aged seventy-eight years.

He was born in the state of New York in 1833. Was married to Mary A. Swift, who died two years ago. Moved to Michigan forty-five years ago and lived in Hubbardston and vicinity until 1881, when he came to Dakota Territory and settled in the vicinity of Huffton where he has since resided most of the time. He leaves five sons, J. R., J. S., J. H. and I. J. of Huffton and vicinity, and Charles of Colorado. Two daughters, Mrs. Bedell of Britton, and a daughter in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs made their home in Groton for a time a number of years ago. If we remember correctly they once occupied the quarters from which the Independent is issued, later building for themselves a home which was afterward sold to K. McKenzie, and occupied by the latter for many years.

Our Huffton correspondent pays a deserved tribute to the memory of the honored pioneer.